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COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The airborne export statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments individually valued $100-$499 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments to Canada and a 50 percent sample of such shipments to other countries. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. Over two-thirds of the value totals of $20,000 or more shown in the airborne export table are subject to a sampling variability of less than 5 percent. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 2%
$20,000-$500,000, continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Africa	Less than 10%. Over 90% of the value totals have less than 5%
$20,000-$500,000, Total and North America	Less than 20%. About 80% of the value totals have less than 15%
Under $20,000, continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Africa	Generally $1000 to $2000
Under $20,000, Total and North America	Generally $3000 to $6000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]18,613	.....	6,430	2,960	4,394	701	140	247	[2]135,539	.....	19,829	10,033	46,471	5,811	1,188	1,339
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]6,265	2,583	532	1,324	324	40	101	.....	[2]41,979	8,405	2,186	14,072	2,236	270	350
Massachusetts.....	152	89	50	...	75	4	(*)	(*)	861	493	185	...	626	14	2	1
Rochester.....	1	1	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	15	15	14	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	24	24	17	...	...	...	...	...	148	147	138	...	...	...	...	...
New York.....	6,529	2,084	945	426	3,789	320	40	220	54,964	16,588	5,938	3,031	40,546	2,686	426	1,201
Philadelphia.....	42	32	3	...	33	3	(*)	1	242	125	9	...	213	9	2	4
Maryland.....	15	3	(*)	...	13	1	(*)	(*)	68	30	1	...	60	4	(*)	2
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	6,763	2,275	3,704	2,469	7	...	(*)	...	14,276	5,230	7,112	6,677	34	...	3	...
New Orleans.....	320	75	245	27	...	(*)	...	1	767	233	612	102	...	1	...	1
Galveston.....	257	170	164	16	22	17	...	14	900	520	505	84	122	85	...	69
Laredo.....	150	85	141	2	...	...	...	...	477	352	444	21	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	255	95	54	5	95	56	19	1	3,175	994	285	35	2,074	536	170	10
San Francisco.....	421	141	4	5	70	216	75	2	3,589	893	18	37	771	2,096	558	11
Washington.....	127	107	77	...	1	16	...	(*)	531	415	384	...	1	109	...	(*)
Alaska.....	17	4	(*)	...	13	3	...	...	38	35	1	...	2	32	...	...
Hawaii.....	44	35	9	...	(*)	20	5	(*)	61	48	9	...	(*)	23	20	1
Montana and Idaho.....	16	16	13	...	...	...	...	...	171	170	167	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	61	60	46	...	...	...	...	...	256	255	235	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	4	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	14	14	14	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	67	28	2	...	39	21	(*)	(*)	185	68	7	...	146	14	2	4
Chicago.....	928	231	512	...	226	14	1	7	5,230	1,420	3,050	...	1,705	182	4	36
Ohio.....	145	1	101	...	(*)	...	(*)	...	518	2	461	...	7	...	(*)	...
Puerto Rico.....	354	45	329	4	2	...	...	...	253	74	210	9	13	...	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	38	32	9	6	9	9	...	...	236	201	28	36	150	18	...	...
Special Category[3].....	1,884	629	...	...	...	...	...	...	48,565	13,656	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	8,954	.....	2,822	653	4,846	586	11	36	67,846	.....	9,474	1,622	48,459	5,243	144	832
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	3,634	975	76	2,174	387	2	19	.....	25,157	2,304	678	18,161	3,678	10	325
Massachusetts.....	70	53	1	...	69	...	...	...	573	334	17	...	514	...	...	...
Rochester.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	15	9	15	...	(*)	...	...	...	200	168	190	...	2	...	...	...
New York.....	4,798	2,106	152	55	4,384	171	3	33	53,954	18,487	5,189	935	44,422	1,543	106	801
Philadelphia.....	3	3	(*)	...	3	(*)	...	...	226	190	2	...	191	1	...	...
Maryland.....	27	8	(*)	1	25	1	...	...	324	26	9	(*)	279	2	...	...
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	2,229	515	1,634	584	3	2	6	...	2,207	1,007	1,430	651	27	12	9	...
New Orleans.....	56	34	56	...	(*)	(*)	...	...	53	37	38	...	(*)	1	...	...
Galveston.....	139	70	137	(*)	1	...	...	1	177	51	103	12	16	...	...	11
Laredo.....	173	160	173	...	...	...	...	...	70	46	50	...	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	284	158	20	1	119	144	(*)	(*)	2,058	922	72	3	1,030	750	2	1
San Francisco.....	187	144	(*)	(*)	53	132	1	1	1,514	1,067	2	(*)	458	921	22	3
Washington.....	145	84	15	...	12	118	...	...	2,041	1,581	299	...	19	1,653	...	...
Alaska.....	6	4	2	...	(*)	4	...	...	202	190	5	...	2	190	...	...
Hawaii.....	9	5	2	...	(*)	6	1	...	270	65	2	...	1	84	2	...
Montana and Idaho.....	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	4	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	61	45	1	...	59	(*)	(*)	...	236	113	11	...	193	2	2	...
Chicago.....	183	75	77	...	98	8	...	(*)	3,026	741	1,775	...	1,087	60	...	1
Ohio.....	29	(*)	12	...	16	...	...	...	277	4	101	...	155	...	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	518	148	504	12	2	(*)	...	...	256	81	158	20	11	22	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	19	13	17	...	2	(*)	...	(*)	164	42	16	...	52	2	...	15

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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